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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 437  
By Rhinehart

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Vic Grider and the South Pittsburg High School football team on winning the 1999 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud to salute the exemplary of our high school football teams, whose accomplishments are a source of pride for their school; and

WHEREAS, the South Pittsburg High School football team, the 1999 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state champion, has clearly established itself as one of these elite teams; and

WHEREAS, during their perfect regular season, the Pirates defeated 12 foes in battle, including Marion County 24-14, Charleston 49-0, Grundy County 50-14, Boyd-Buchanan 17-14, Sequatchie County 49-14, Lookout Valley 76-20, Battle Ground Academy 21-0, Copper Basin 34-0, Courtland from Alabama 40-25, and Whitwell 56-7; and

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WHEREAS, in the state playoffs South Pittsburg caged the Sunbright Tigers 76-10, pounced on the Charleston Panthers 52-7, out-fought the Boyd-Buchanan Buccaneers 35-21, and stung the Trousdale County Yellowjackets 37-21 in the Clinic Bowl; and

WHEREAS, their unblemished overall record was an impressive 15-0; and

WHEREAS, the Pirates' defense allowed only 320 points and shut-out three opponents, while the offense scored 616 points for a 41 point per game average; and

WHEREAS, Coach Vic Grider has done a marvelous job taking the natural talent of the team and expertly molding it into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, his able assistant coaches included Allen Pratt, Heath Grider, Brent Cooper, and Sammy Burrows; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented team were: Matt Blansett, Adam Blevins, Chris Blevins, Lonnie Brooks, Lamar Case, Jared Cash, Aaron Chambers, Ben Chambers, Tristan Chubb, Matt Church, Michael Clay, Jamey Creekmore, Eric Davis, Tim Fallesen, Shaun Gibson, Michael Griffith, Ronnie Griffith, Jonathan Haskew, Marcus Horton, Mike Jackson, Charles Jett, Brett Lewis, Kevin Matthews, John Bradley Mount, Dusty Paul, Sam Pickett, Brett Powers, Eric Reames, Shaun Rice, Chris Roberts, Eric Smith, Tim Starkey, Matt Stone, Rashad Tipton, Chase Turner, and Adam Wileman; and

WHEREAS, team as fortunate to enjoy the unflagging support of South Pittsburg High School principal, Marjorie Allison, team chaplain, Jeff Lane, and team physician, Dr. Russ Adcock; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were Marcus Starkey, Isiah Bynum, and Cole Tucker, and the statisticians were Carl Mount and Eddie Tipton; and

WHEREAS the enthusiastic cheerleading squad included Page Hill, Liz Brooks, Ashley Mayfield, Amanda Ellis, Amanda Evans, Desirae Sowinski, Ashley Creek, Stephanie Moats, Beth Blevins, Sarah Ladd, Crystal Smith, Maggie Davenport, and Carly Brazelton; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute this outstanding team on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Coach Vic Grider and the South Pittsburg High School football team on winning the 1999 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.